

NORTH DAKOTA STATE FSA COMMITTEE
Summary
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CRP -- Mid-Contract Management Activities on CP42 (Pollinator Habitat)

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Issue

The CRP program requires all CRP participants with contracts effective beginning with Signup 26 (May 2003) to perform at least 1 management activity as part of their approved conservation plan (CPO).

Management activities must be completed before the end of year 6 for contracts 10 years in length or before the end of year 9 for a 15 year contract.

CP42 (Pollinator Habitat) became an authorized conservation practice in 2011.

The North Dakota State FSA Committee and State Technical Committee are charged with establishing approved contract management activities. As of this date, management activities for CP42 have not been approved.

2
NRCS
Proposal

Todd Schwagler, NRCS North Dakota State Resource Conservationist, has provided the following recommendations to CP42 management activities:

- Rotary mower
- Clip and remove residue
- Light harrow (no discs)
- Prescribed burn in fall
- Depending on size of CP42 acreage, hand rogueing (pulling of weeds by hand or hoe).

Mr. Schwagler **does not** recommend the use of herbicides or light disking.

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Procedure

2-CRP (Rev. 5) paragraph 428 A requires all participants beginning with Signup 26 perform at least 1 management activity during the life of the CRP contract.

Failure to perform the planned management activity can result in a contract violation.

A participant may be eligible to receive up to 50% cost-share for the management practices.

2-CRP (Rev. 5) paragraph 428 C requires recommendations to be submitted to the State Technical Committee for review. After the State Technical Committee reviews the proposal, they are to provide the FSA STC with a recommendation.

The STC must approve or disapprove management activities for all CRP practices. The STC does not have the authority to exempt practices from required management activities.

**4
State
Committee
Options**

1. Submit the NRCS proposal for CP42 contract management activities to the State Technical Committee for their recommendation.
2. Submit a different proposal to the State Technical Committee for review.

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State
Committee
Action**

Motion Lucy Seconded Lynn
Option 1 Motion Carried Y/N
